

1            Fiber Channel Adaptor Interface for Serial or Parallel ATA Disks

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## 4            ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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6            Coupling disks having only a single controller connection to more than

7            one controller. An adaptor interfaces an ATA disk with two interfaces to a backplane

8            having a fiber channel backplane interface form factor. Switching logic controls the in-

9            terfaces, so the ATA disk has redundant capability for connecting to controlling devices.

10          The backplane communicates signals suitable to the ATA disk, while having the same

11          form factor as a fiber channel disk. The backplane is coupled to a signal converter, so

12          an ATA disk can be coupled to a fiber channel interface. The signal converter allows

13          backplanes with ATA disks to be mixed with fiber channel disks, on one fiber channel

14          loop. ATA disks are coupled to fiber channel backplanes, so fiber channel techniques

15          are used to provide multiple controllers for them.